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Hodgepodge Edition

As this edition of Ama-Chewer goes to press it occurs to the editor that it is merely a collection of unrelated facts? Hence the title above. At any rate we will attempt to carry on for our absent editor, Bob Caskey so you fellows must make the best of it.

ARRL & WERS

One of the most frequent questions being asked of ARRL these days is in reference to WERS, must the WERS licensee have active support of the local CD councils or can they continue on as a municipal organization under the local government? Although FCC regulations were never clearly defined as to whether or not WERS organizations may be maintained primarily for disaster relief communications in cooperation with local municipal safety services. In order to guarantee the continuance of WERS activities, ARRL has placed before the FCC a proposal for the expansion of WERS rules and regulations to more clearly define the right of WERS to organize for disaster communication purposes.

ARRL-WERS Ratings

During the past year ARRL has worked out a system of rating the different communities or groups having WERS. These ratings are based upon total population covered, number of licensed station units, population per station unit, average number of stations participating in drills and tests, total number of licensed operators, and average turnout of operators for drill etc.

The latest report just in from ARRL on these above mentioned ratings puts Indianapolis in tie for third place with Los Angeles, Calif. in a total of five localities reporting having a population of over 500,000. New York City is first, Ann Arundel County, Md. second, Indianapolis and Los Angeles tie for third, Milwaukee fourth, and Hamilton City, Ohio fifth.

The number of operators and units participating in tests and drills is a large factor affecting these ratings, so let everybody turn out for the tests and drills, so we may hold our position, or improve it.

It is now time again to send in the report on WERS activities for the past three months and due to the summer slump in activities I am afraid we may lose our third place standing unless the other communities have experienced the same let-down. With cooler weather in the offing and most vacations (those who were fortunate enough to get one) out of the way, we can look to increased activity in the coming months.

NEW WERS OPERATORS

We are awaiting approval by the FCC of the WERS operators applications to Mary Goff (#10's KYL) Jesse Paugh of BEECH GROVE, Wm Manning of WMDZ staff, Myron Pearch of ISP staff, Frank Tofft of WIBO staff and Albert Freeland of ISP staff. May we say at this time WELCOME TO THE GANG and we'll be seeing you on the air shortly.

WERS TRANSMITTER HUNT

On July 23, the gang gathered at Dearborn Park to start out on the days activity which was to locate a hidden transmitter by means of radio direction finding. All of those units participating had loop antennas fashioned after the one designed and built by Jim Bastian and Bob Smith of Unit # 11. This loop proved to be surprisingly accurate even at 114 megacycles, as some of the units landed within two or three blocks of the hidden transmitter location with only two or three separate bearings being taken. After getting so close to the transmitter location it was a matter of who had the sharpest eyes, as the transmitter location was designated by a CD banner tacked to a tree. Walters #14 (Old Eagle Eye, you can now call him) saw the banner first and was declared the winner while the other units were still milling around the neighborhood. At the last minute Whisenand #16 must have gotten 180 degrees out of phase or something, or used the wrong null point of the loop as was seen hi-tailing it away from the location and it was necessary to call him back by RADIO. HIO. After all units had gathered at the Radio Aide's house (the hidden transmitter location) we congratulated Walters on his direction finding ability and keen eyesight. All agreed it was a swell afternoon's activity and all are looking forward to a repeat performance. At the following club meeting Walters (the WINNER) was awarded a 9001 tube for his good work. That's all for now.

Radio Aide.

WERS PROCEDURE

Operating procedures during the past few weeks have been most informal and while we all enjoy such methods we must remember that WERS was not organized for our enjoyment and that pleasure is but a by-product. Some day we may be called upon to justify our existence by reason of some emergency or catastrophe. We must maintain at least the minimum discipline that will insure a workable organization if disaster strikes.

During the hot weather many stations are absent from practice periods, but it is noticed that the same stations are carrying on most of the time. Whats happened to some that used to be active? For example, 32, 5, 1, 2, 9, 19, 3, 6, 22, 24, 4. In order to maintain an orderly procedure we must have stations on the air more regularly. Starting September first, the procedures committee will initiate a drive to correlate our operating practices and encourage attendance at the practices. Listen on the air for details which will also be presented at club and in the next issue of Ama-chewer.

Help give WERS some favorable publicity by having your station on the air the night of Wednesday, August 10, when Radio Aide Bill Luech will tell the BEECH GROVE Lions Club about WERS. This will be followed by a demonstration during our regular Wednesday practice period. Please be ready to report into a net promptly at 8 o'clock.

Procedure Committee.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

Since the last issue of AMA-CHEWER we have received letters from Editor Emeritus Caskey and from Charley Reynolds. Caskey reports that Wade Kingery is now at P.O.E. For Bob's benefit the club is still holding meetings every Friday night but the programs have been very scarce. WERS is still holding up but we need more stations on the air. Maybe we need you Bob to help herd us up once in a while. Bob's address is T25 Robert Caskey 3531923, Co C, 800th STR, Camp Crowder, Mo. Charles Reynolds is at Great Lakes repairing radios and sound equipment and operating motion picture equipment. He seems to be quite contented up there. His address is, Charles G. Reynolds, S 2/C, Radio and Sound shop, Bldg 4, U.S.N.T.C. Great Lakes, Ill. Lets have more letters boys and we will try to mention them in Ama-Chewer.

FLASH!!

As we go to press Edgar McNay advises us that D. J. Angus will take a cruise on his boat August 26, 27, and 28th. Those who can go please report at Club meeting August 18, or phone Ch-0638-J. (Walters) for latest details, as soon as possible.

POSTSCRIPT (Apologies to Benj. Franklin)

This edition of the AMA-CHEWER was written and edited, stencils out, and printed at the regular weekly meeting of the IRC with the assistance and contributions of the members present who are listed below:

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